

# St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



**Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.**

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**Term 3 Week 7**

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## Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Well the Rugby World Cup has begun in earnest and a good many people are watching far more television than they ever have in their lives before. Recently I have spent some time in Rooms Four and Seven, the knowledge of the pupils in both of these rooms about not just the rugby but the countries that are taking part was very pleasing. Occasions such as this are great opportunities to share in your child's learning. Often knowledge that we take for granted our children simply do not have. Remember that we have learned from someone. The best learning takes place when both the teacher and the learner are really engaged and interested, so support the learning that your child is doing at school by talking to them, sharing your own experiences, reading articles or news extracts to them. When watching TV discuss what's going on.

Ask them questions e.g. which flag is Scotland's? Why is their team's colour blue & white? Why do they have "Flower of Scotland" as an anthem? You will be amazed at what they know and how motivated that they are to learn more.

As we begin the summer sports season we will be implementing a code of conduct for players and coaches. This is part of an ongoing initiative that all schools throughout New Zealand are embracing.

The idea is to ensure that all of our pupils enjoy their sport and learn how to behave as a part of a team in both victory and defeat from a young age.

**Have a great week,  
Mike Brosnahan**

## Room 6 Assembly last Friday



**Our Vision :** Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

### Parent Teacher Interviews - 21st and 22nd September

We are now set-up to enable booking for your parent interviews online, this is very easy and gives you control over the times available.

The site is [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

You will be asked for the event code: **LF3PY**

This takes you to St Mary's, Mosgiel Parent-Teacher interviews.

Step 1: Enter Your Details (name etc)  
Step 2: Choose Your Child's Room/Teacher  
Step 3: Choose Your Times, just click on the time you want.

You are finished unless you wish to cancel or re-schedule. If you entered your email address it will send a confirmation email, (you may need to check your junk folder for this email).

If you do not have access to a computer you are welcome to use the classroom computers before or after school, and teachers can help you if required.

### A thought for the week...

It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well.

Rene Descartes

### Traffic Reminder

The number of our pupils who walk to school or travel by car fluctuates due to the weather conditions but I would ask you to please remember these points so as to ensure the safety of all of our pupils:

Please **do not** try to make a right hand turn from our Gordon Road car park, there is a sign to remind you not to do this as it causes safety concerns for other cars and pedestrians using Gordon Road.

Please **do not** park on the far side of Church Street and call your children over to you, please come across and escort them across.

These rules may be a slight inconvenience but the possible ramifications are far more serious

### Looking Ahead Term 3

#### September

15th School Cross Country 1pm  
16th Sausage Sizzle -No Monte Carlo orders  
21st Extra Social Studies Quiz  
21/22 Parent Teacher Interviews  
28th Public Speaking Competition  
29th School Photos  
30th Room 5 Assembly and Choir item, 2.15pm

#### October

7th End of Term  
25th Senior Camp

### Cross Country—This Thursday

The School Cross Country is on Thursday (weather permitting). The children are to come to school dressed in their sports uniform, this is their blue St Mary's polo top (supplied) see your teacher if you do not have one, and navy blue drill style shorts. Senior children can wear their supplied sport tops. The children will be running in their year levels to earn points for their Whanau Group.

The first race will be the Year 0/1 children at 1:05pm- You are all welcome to come along and support this event.



### Sport Otago Basketball Coaching this morning



Altar Servers Sunday 18th September  
Quintin Petre, Alex Dodson, Ryan Hanrahan

### Taieri Junior Cricket Club Registration

Brooklands Club Rooms, Church Street, Mosgiel

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September—10am till 12

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm till 8pm

Year 1-8 4-13 yrs

Cost \$55 for one child, 2nd child \$30 and \$10 for 3<sup>rd</sup> or more.

### 2012 Term Dates

Term 1	31st January—5th April
Term 2	23rd April—29th June
Term 3	16th July—28th September
Term 4	15th October—TBA

### Netball Skirts

Could all skirts please be returned to your child's class teacher, CLEAN (**please follow the washing instructions carefully**) and pressed, ready for next year. Thank you.